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For VWS SECURE/NON-SECURE BYPASS SWITCH		
Art Unit 2613		Examiner CURS, Nathan M.

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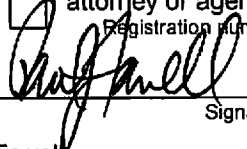
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated June 6, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A secure/non-secure bypass switch, comprising:
 - a first port for receiving input signals;
 - a first relay having an input, a first output and a second output, said input connected to said first port, and said second output connected to a second port;
 - a first fiber optic modem having an input and an output, said input connected to said first output of said first relay;
 - a second fiber optic modem having an input and an output, said input connected to said output of said first fiber optic modem; and
 - a second relay having an output, a first input and a second input, said first input connected to said output of said second fiber optic modem, said second input connected to a third port, and said output connected to a fourth port.
2. (Original) The switch of Claim 1, wherein the switch operates in a secure mode when no power is supplied to the switch, and the switch operates in a non-secure mode when power is supplied to the switch.
3. (Original) The switch of Claim 2, wherein if the switch is operating in a non-secure mode, the input of the first relay is connected to the first output of the first relay, and the first input of the second relay is connected to the output of the second relay.
4. (Original) The switch of Claim 2, wherein if the switch is operating in a secure mode, the input of the first relay is connected to the second output of the first relay, and the second input of the second relay is connected to the output of the second relay.
5. (Previously Presented) The switch of Claim 4, wherein an encryption device is connected between said second port and said third port, and operable during secure mode operation.

6. (Original) The switch of Claim 2, wherein power is supplied to the first and second fiber optic modems only during non-secure mode operation.

7. (Original) The switch of Claim 2, further comprising means for disconnecting power to the first and second fiber optic modems in the secure mode.

8. (Previously Presented) A method of secure/non-secure switching in a secure/non-secure bypass switch, comprising the steps of:
receiving signals to be routed;
determining if a secure or a non-secure operating mode is selected;
if a non-secure mode is selected, configuring relays to route the signals through at least two fiber optic modems to an output port; and
if a secure mode is selected, configuring relays to route the signals through an external encryption device to said output port.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein if no power is supplied to the bypass switch the secure mode is selected.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, further comprising the step of disconnecting power to the fiber optic modems in the secure mode.

11-12. (Cancelled)

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 1-7 have been allowed.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Cline (U.S. Patent 4,903,298).

The Examiner has provisionally rejected Claims 8-12 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting (ODP) over claim of copending Application No. 11/140,209.

Please cancel Claims 11 and 12. No new matter has been added.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 11 and 12 under §102(b), the Examiner states that Cline anticipates each and every feature of the claim. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled, thus rendering the rejection moot.

Regarding the provisional ODP rejections of Claims 8-10, MPEP §804.I.B.1 Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejections states, "If a 'provisional' nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting (ODP) rejection is the only rejection remaining in the earlier filed of the two pending applications, while the later-filed application is rejectable on other grounds, the examiner should withdraw that rejection and permit the earlier-filed application to issue as a patent without a terminal disclaimer." Since the ODP rejection is the only rejection remaining in the present, and earlier filed, application, and copending Application No. 11/140,209, i.e. the later-filed application, is rejectable on other grounds, the ODP rejection should be withdrawn herein and permit the present application to issue as a patent.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-10, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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